



CONTRACT LAW DIVISION

Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Finance and Litigation



Biweekly Report—Period Ending May 23, 1998

Techno-Sciences, Inc.— GAO No. B-277620.2; Request for Reconsideration

Pursuant to GAO's request, NOAA agreed to a site visit by GAO and Counsel for TSI. GAO questioned three RPS programmers, the COTR, the SSAI Project Manager, and Ajay Mehta regarding the chart depicting the status of completion of the FG USMCC. NOAA also performed a demonstration of the FG USMCC. The parties waived their rights to submit comments on the informal proceeding. Mark Langstein & Amy Freeman

In Flight Documentation

At the direction of Jack Kelly, the RFP to meet this requirement is to be canceled because NWS can meet this requirement less expensively through in-house performance. In that this procurement has been ongoing for almost three years we are anticipating that one or more protests against the cancellation will be filed. Mark Langstein

FCS Procurement Training

We are participating this week in procurement training for approximately 30 US&FCS foreign service nationals and personal service contractors from around the world who have come to Washington for administrative training. Our participation will center on legal issues such as unauthorized commitments, ratifications, inherently governmental functions, as well as legal problems that are unique to overseas procurements. Next week, we will be making a similar presentation in Paris to the senior commercial officers of the Africa-Near East Region as part of their yearly management and business outlook conference. Ken Lechter

Domain Name

CLD attorneys participated in the General Counsel's meeting with the Department of Justice, DARPA, and the National Science Foundation to review Department plans to support the privatization of technical management functions of the Internet. CLD also continues to provide advice to the inter-agency working group drafting the final rule. Catherine Shea

NOAA Class VIII Supercomputer

NOAA has now decided that this procurement will not receive funding in FY 98, so award will be

delayed until October, 1998. This will require a revision in the solicitation and revised proposals from the offerors. Fred Kopatich

Aspen Helicopters, Inc. v. DOC—GSBCA No. 13258-COM

On May 19, counsel submitted in writing to opposing counsel a proposal to have a neutral evaluation of the primary issue in the case, after which time the parties would have a better idea as to the strengths and weaknesses of their prospective cases. Additionally, the parties are required to submit a status report to the GSBCA on Friday, May 22. Terry H. Lee

CLD "Time to Complete" —6.8 Days

Beginning with this report we are including a "Time to Complete" measurement which shows the number of calendar days that an action was in our office. This measurement is the elapsed time from "Log-In" to our database to the date the review is complete. Items turned around in one day are given a 0.5 days time. These are raw figures which have not been adjusted and include times that attorneys may be waiting for additional documentation or other information from the CO.

